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## American Heritage Week at Wallops Flight Facility Gets Underway

The Wallops American Heritage Week celebration got underway on Monday, October 7, with the unveiling of the just completed Wallops Timeline Display featured on the walls of the cafeteria.

The display was completed by employees from CSOC, NSROC, CUBE and the Public Affairs Office.



John Campbell, Wallops Senior Manager, welcomed employees to the kickoff of the American Heritage Week celebration and encouraged everyone to take part in as many activities as possible.

Caroline Massey, (right) Assistant Director of Management Operations Directorate, explains that the Timeline Display begins with the creation of Wallops in 1945, continuing through the present.



Libby West and Dave Moltedo, Range and Mission Management Office, look at pictures of projects done in recent years.

Gary Smith, CUBE, having constructed the frames, makes final adjustments to President Clinton's photograph.



Photos by Betty Flowers

Cindy Chesser, NASA Federal Credit Union, prepares to cut the cake, courtesy of the Credit Union, for the morning coffee.

## Wallops Shorts..... Personnel Action

Elaine Coward was selected for an AST, Launch and Flight Operations position in the Range and Mission Management Office, effective October 7.

Effective October 7, Jane Penn was reassigned from NASA Headquarters to Wallops as a Project Support Manager in the Aircraft Office.

Roland Wescott, Range Safety Specialist in the Safety Office received a promotion effective October 7.

## On the Road

Ed Parrott, Wallops Teacher-on-Loan visited the Snow Hill Middle School on September 26 and talked to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students about careers in science, math and engineering.

Rich Rogers, Aircraft Office, visited Salisbury Christian School and talked to 4<sup>th</sup> grade students about airplanes and weather

## Performance Evaluation Profile Survey

It is the goal of NASA Wallops Flight Facility and the contract organizations to maintain the highest level of personal safety and health for Wallops employees.

To help achieve that goal, the Performance Evaluation Profile (PEP) Survey Program gives NASA and contractor organizations the ability to evaluate their occupational and/or system safety programs from management and employee perspectives.

If you have been selected to take the PC-based PEP Survey, but have not yet participated, do it soon. It takes only a few minutes to complete the on-line PEP Survey Questionnaire by October 16!

For more information contact Stan Williams on x2369.



## Columbus Day -- October 14

The first recorded celebration of Columbus Day in the United States took place on October 12, 1792.

## Fire Prevention Week October 6 - 12

### Tips for installing smoke alarms correctly:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement (but not unfinished attics) Make sure there is an alarm in or near every sleeping area.



- Mount the smoke alarms high on ceilings or walls – remember, smoke rises. Ceiling-mounted alarms should be installed at least four inches away from the nearest wall; wall-mounted alarms should be installed four to 12 inches away from the ceiling.

- Don't install smoke alarms near windows, outside doors, or ducts where drafts might interfere with their operation.

- Don't paint your smoke alarms; paint or other decorations could keep them from working when you most need it.

Test your smoke alarms at least once a month by using the alarms' "test button." Never use an open-flame device to test the alarm.

If the smoke alarm manufacturer's instructions permit the use of an aerosol smoke product for testing, only use one that has been listed by a third-party product testing agency, and use it in accordance with the product instructions.



- Replace the batteries in your smoke alarms once a year, or as soon as the alarm "chirps," warning that the battery is low.

**Helpful hint:** schedule battery replacements for the same day you change your clock from daylight to standard time in the fall.

- Regularly vacuuming or dusting your smoke alarm following manufacturer's instructions can help keep it working properly.

- Replace your smoke alarms once every 10 years.

- Never "borrow" a battery from a smoke alarm.

Make sure that everyone in your home can hear and recognize the sound of the alarm and knows how to react immediately.

### Eastern Shore Website

Visit the Eastern Shore Virginia Portal: <http://www.easternshorevirginiaportal.com/> and check out the Community Calendar. You can view upcoming local events or post your own.

## Summer Ends Warm and Dry

by Bob Steiner, Meteorologist

Unlike last year, this September was warmer than normal by three degrees with an average monthly temperature of 73 degrees. There were 21 days with maximum temperatures above normal and 24 nights when the low temperature was warmer than normal. No record high temperatures were set during September. The high for the month of 91 degrees on September 4 tied the daily record high for the date previously reached in 1985. No record low temperatures were set or tied. The coolest overnight temperature was 52 degrees recorded on September 13.

The summer's dry spell continued through September. We only recorded 1.45 inches of rainfall for the month, which is more than 2 inches below the normal average of 3.49 inches for September. The most rainfall recorded during a 24-hour period was .8 inches that fell on September 15 and 16. Measurable precipitation fell on six days, two days less than the average of eight.

There were eight named tropical storms in September, four that intensified to hurricane strength. The only system to have any impact on Wallops Island was "Gustav". "Gustav" passed to the east of the Delmarva Peninsula on September 11 and brought winds of 34 knots to Wallops. Two of the hurricanes have carried over into October.

November is the last month of the official hurricane season and will be here before we know it. Now is the time to get out the fall and winter coats. Mornings begin to be cooler with average overnight lows of 47 degrees at the beginning of the month, only warming up to an average of 64 degrees. Temperatures cool to 34 degrees at night and 51 degrees during the daytime by the end of the month. Eastern Standard Time returns on October 27 bringing fewer daylight hours for the next five months.

A reading of 83 degrees recorded on Nov. 1 and 4, 1974, is the record high for November. Readings of 19 degrees have been recorded on Nov. 16, 1967; Nov. 24, 1976; and Nov. 27, 1967. These are the record lows for the month. The average measurable precipitation for November is 2.69 inches. Less than ½ inch of snow or sleet is average for November. Measurable precipitation normally falls on eight days during November.

We have been pampered by a warm, dry summer. Let's not get caught with our winter gear still packed away in the back of the closet or up in the attic. Take an afternoon and dig out the jackets, gloves, boots and scarves before Halloween. We can only hope for a wet, cool winter. Take the time to get ready so you can enjoy the holiday season.

## The Best Protection is Early Detection



### Breast Cancer -- Make early detection a habit for life!

The Navy's Federal Women's Program is sponsoring a luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m., October 24, in the Navy's Cropper Center.

There will be special guest speakers and gift bags with breast cancer information for men and women.

Everyone is invited to attend this informative and important event that is open to all Federal and contract agencies. Men also are encouraged to attend.

The lunch menu is:

Grilled chicken, salad, mixed greens and vegetables, dessert, iced tea and coffee.

The cost is \$5. To purchase tickets contact Hulda Hamilton on x1979, Jackie Boyd on x7209, or Jill Jester on x1692.

### A Close Call

Recently, an employee was attempting to move a piece of hard-wired equipment. The worker had isolated what he believed to be the source of power for the power converter, when in fact it was the wrong circuit breaker. He then disconnected the live 208 volt electrical wires. When he started to remove the wires from the junction box, the live wires shorted against the metal conduit, shorting out the circuit and knocking out power to a portion of the building. This event could have been fatal.

To prevent this type of mishap from occurring, it is important to ensure only trained and certified electricians perform work involving disconnecting or connecting hard-wired electrical equipment at this Facility. This means that you should never attempt to perform the task yourself, contact the Facilities Management Branch or call the Help Desk on x4357.

### For Sale

1989 Buick Park Avenue. Excellent condition, runs great, great gas mileage. Approximately 93K miles, silver w/ blue leather top and interior \$2,800 call (757) 442-6780 anytime or (757) 336-2477 after 5 p.m.

1997 Dodge Grand Caravan 80K miles 4cyl. good condition \$6400 call Teena (757) 336-2477 after 5 p.m.

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